

REMARKS

Upon entry of this paper, claims 1–13 will be pending in this application. Claims 26–28 and 31 are hereby canceled without prejudice.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has concluded that claims 1–13 contain allowable subject matter and has allowed claims 1–13.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 26–28 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,399,303 to Connolly ("*Connolly*") in view of Heath et al. (*J. Phys. Chem. B* 1997, 101, 189–197) ("*Heath*"). This rejection is now moot, in view of the cancellation of claims 26–28 and 31.

CONCLUSION


In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe no fee is due at this time. However, if a fee is required, the Office is authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Respectfully submitted,

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